

gussets to extend outward laterally from the frontal walls (thereby enlarging the bag) while at the same time allowing the formation of a flat unitary, one layer bottom by sealing the cut edges.


As the prior responses to the Examiner indicated, the Benoit patent neither shows or suggests the triangular section by which its gusseted side walls extend laterally outwardly to enlarge the bag. Clayton shows vertical ribs following the long axis of the bag. Clayton does not allow the formation of a stabilized bottom.

Accordingly, the claim, as presented, is believed allowable under Sec. 103.

Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested.

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